

## Office of Family Assistance, ACF, HHS

## §211.4

(d) The term *Administrator* means the Administrator, Family Support Administration, Department of Health and Human Services;

(e) The term *eligible person* means an individual with respect to whom the certificates referred to in §211.3 are furnished to the Administrator in connection with the reception of an individual arriving from a foreign country;

(f) The term *Public Health Service* means the Public Health Service in the Department of Health and Human Services;

(g) The term *agency* means an appropriate State or local public or non-profit agency with which the Administrator has entered into arrangements for the provision of care, treatment, and assistance pursuant to the Act;

(h) The term *State* includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam;

(i) The term *residence* means residence as determined under the applicable law or regulations of a State or political subdivision for the purpose of determining the eligibility of an individual for hospitalization in a public mental hospital;

(j) The term *legal guardian* means a guardian, appointed by a court, whose powers, duties, and responsibilities include the powers, duties, and responsibilities of guardianship of the person.

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### §211.2 General.

The Administrator shall make suitable arrangements with agencies to the end that any eligible person will be received, upon request of the Secretary of State, at the port of entry or debarkation upon arrival in the United States from a foreign country and be provided, to the extent necessary, with temporary care, treatment, and assistance, pending transfer and release or hospitalization pursuant to the Act. The Administrator shall also make suitable arrangements with appropriate divisions of the Public Health Service, with Saint Elizabeths Hospital in the District of Columbia, with Federal hospitals outside of the Department, or with other public or private hospitals to provide the eligible person

with care and treatment in a hospital. The Administrator shall maintain a roster setting forth the name and address of each eligible person currently receiving care and treatment, or assistance, pursuant to the Act.

### §211.3 Certificates.

The following certificates are necessary to establish that an individual is an eligible person:

(a) *Certificates as to nationality.* A certificate issued by an authorized official of the Department of State, stating that the individual is a national of the United States.

(b) *Certificate as to mental condition.* Either (1) a certificate obtained or transmitted by an authorized official of the Department of State that the individual has been legally adjudged insane in a named foreign country; or (2) a certificate of an appropriate authority or person stating that at the time of such certification the individual was in a named foreign country and was in need of care and treatment in a mental hospital. A statement shall, if possible, be incorporated into or attached to the certificate furnished under this paragraph setting forth all available medical and other pertinent information concerning the individual.

(c) *Appropriate authority or person.* For the purpose of paragraph (b)(2) of this section a medical officer of the Public Health Service or of another agency of the United States, or a medical practitioner legally authorized to provide care or treatment of mentally ill persons in the foreign country, is an "appropriate authority or person," and shall be so identified in his execution of the certificate. If such a medical officer or practitioner is unavailable, an authorized official of the Department of State may serve as an "appropriate authority or person," and shall, in the execution of the certificate, identify himself as serving as such person due to the unavailability of a suitable medical officer or practitioner.

### §211.4 Notification to legal guardian, spouse, next of kin, or interested persons.

(a) Whenever an eligible person arrives in the United States from a foreign country, or when such person is

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transferred from one State to another, the Administrator shall, upon such arrival or transfer (or in advance thereof, if possible), provide for notification of his legal guardian, or in the absence of such a guardian, of his spouse or next of kin, or in the absence of any of these, of one or more interested persons, if known.

(b) Whenever an eligible person is admitted to a hospital pursuant to the Act, the Administrator shall provide for immediate notification of his legal guardian, spouse, or next of kin, if known.

### **§211.5 Action under State law; appointment of guardian.**

Whenever an eligible person is incapable of giving his consent to care and treatment in a hospital, either because of his mental condition or because he is a minor, the agency will take appropriate action under State law, including, if necessary, procuring the appointment of a legal guardian, to ensure the proper planning for and provision of such care and treatment.

### **§211.6 Reception; temporary care, treatment, and assistance.**

(a) *Reception.* The agency will meet the eligible person at the port of entry or debarkation, will arrange for appropriate medical examination, and will plan with him, in cooperation with his legal guardian, or, in the absence of such a guardian, with other interested persons, if any, for needed temporary care and treatment.

(b) *Temporary care, treatment, and assistance.* The agency will provide for temporary care, treatment, and assistance, as reasonably required for the health and welfare of the eligible person. Such care, treatment, and assistance may be provided in the form of hospitalization and other medical and remedial care (including services of necessary attendants), food and lodging, money, payments, transportation, or other goods and services. The agency will utilize the Public Health Service General Hospital nearest to the port of entry or debarkation or any other suitable public or private hospital, in providing hospitalization and medical care, including diagnostic service as needed, pending other appro-

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priate arrangements for serving the eligible person.

### **§211.7 Transfer and release of eligible person.**

(a) *Transfer and release to relative.* If at the time of arrival from a foreign country or any time during temporary or continuing care and treatment the Administrator finds that the best interests of the eligible person will be served thereby, and a relative, having been fully informed of his condition, agrees in writing to assume responsibility for his care and treatment, the Administrator shall transfer and release him to such relative. In determining whether his best interest will be served by such transfer and release, due weight shall be given to the relationship of the individuals involved, the financial ability of the relative to provide for such person, and the accessibility to necessary medical facilities.

(b) *Transfer and release to appropriate State authorities, or agency of the United States.* If appropriate arrangements cannot be accomplished under paragraph (a) of this section, and if no other agency of the United States is responsible for the care and treatment of the eligible person, the Administrator shall endeavor to arrange with the appropriate State mental health authorities of the eligible person's State of residence or legal domicile, if any, for the assumption of responsibility for the care and treatment of the eligible person by such authorities and shall, upon the making of such arrangements in writing, transfer and release him to such authorities. If any other agency of the United States is responsible for the care and treatment of the eligible person, the Administrator shall make arrangements for his transfer and release to that agency.

### **§211.8 Continuing hospitalization.**

(a) *Authorization and arrangements.* In the event that appropriate arrangements for an eligible person in need of continuing care and treatment in a hospital cannot be accomplished under §211.7, or until such arrangements can be made, care and treatment shall be provided by the Administrator in Saint Elizabeths Hospital in the District of Columbia, in an appropriate Public